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CHINA-EXPORT SETS UP ORGANIZATION TO SMUGGLE OPIUM; COURTS SENTENCE NONFERROUS METALS SMUGGLERS

REPORTED SMUGGLING OPIUM, NARCOTICS -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 17 Sep 51

Berlin, 10 September (DPA) -- The West Berlin daily Telegraf reports that an organization for the smuggling of opium and other narcotics is now being founded in Germany and other European countries by the Soviet-owned China-Export Corporation.

Reportedly, the China-Export Corporation has been unsuccessful in doing business with natural silk, and this loss is to be compensated by the sale of opium. An employee of the East German Export and Import Company and another businessman are said to have been extrusted with the sale of the narcotter. economics commissioner of the People's Republic of China, Tin-Fu-Sei sic has arrived for conferences with the director of the China-Export Corporation.

SENTENCED FOR SMUGGLING NONFERROUS METAL -- Berlin, Mitteilungsblatt der Deutschen Reichsbahn, 25 Jun 51

Foreman Fritz Mueller, railroad workers Alfred Jeske Sr and Alfred Jeske Jr, Frieda Jeske, housewife, and one Wriezen (fnu) have been tried and convicted for economic crimes by the Eberswalde District Court.

Mueller was sentenced to 21 months in the penitentiary, and each of the Jeskes received an 18-month prison sentence. The property of all defendants was confiscated. Another offender, Gerhard Mueller, is being held pending a special trial.

The Mueller and Jeske families were accused of having smuggled a combined otal of 99 kilograms of nonferrous metals stolen from the Reichsbahn to West Berlin between October 1948 and April 1950. The smuggled metal included copper wire and cartridge cases.

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PUNISH SMUCGLERS OF NONFERROUS METAL -- Potsdam, Maerkische Volksstimme, 12 Jun 51

Approximately 150 kilograms of nonferrous metals, mostly copper, have been smuggled into West Berlin by Mrs Katerina Knau. The woman and her co-defendants, her husband, daughter, and son-in-law, were tried in open court on 11 June. Mrs Knau was sentenced to 9 years in prison and confiscation of her property. The verdict for the three co-defe dants was postponed because of the daughter's illness.

SELLS LEAD IN WEST GERMANY -- Berlin, Nacht-Express, 30 Aug 51

The Berlin Upper Criminal Court has sentenced Gottfried Sobek, a 48-year-old truck driver, to 3 years in the penitentiary for repeated thefts or nonferrous metal. His accomplice, Gerald Marienfeld, was sentenced to $1\frac{1}{2}$ years in the penitentiary. They had taken 600 kilograms of lead from a load of scrap metal and sold it in West Berlin for 1,200 Deutsche marks.

CONFISCATE GOODS EN ROUTE TO WEST BERLIN -- Berlin, Rundschau am Montag, 24 Scp 51

Within the past few days the Berlin People's Police have intercepted many illegal movements of goods en route to West Berlin at sector crossing points. The shipments, which were confiscated, included 50,000 thermometers, 6 tons of chemicals, one ton of scrap iron, 780 kilograms of nonferrous metals, 2,000 resters of iron tubing, 1,000 liters of linseed oil varnish, 33 barrels of lactic acid, 450 pairs of ladies' hosiery, 300 rolls of film, 2 horses, and one compressor.

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